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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Petition for Withdrawal from Issue for Abandonment to Permit Consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97 in a Continuing Application (37 CFR §1.313(b)(5)) of S. T. Wong, et al. for DIAGNOSTIC ASSAY REQUIRING A SAMPLE OF BIOLOGICAL FLUID, filed June 10, 1998.

Also enclosed is:

- 1) Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)
 - Request Transmittal
- 2) 3) Information Disclosure Statement
- USPTO Form 1449 (in duplicate) PCT International Search Report 4)
- 5) Six (6) references cited
- Return-Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$130.00 for the submission of Petition and any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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